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Catching the AI Wave
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Current New York State Policy:

As part of Governor Kathy Hochul's [2024 State of the State initiatives](#), she directed the New York State Office of Information Technology Services to issue the first state-wide policy concerning artificial intelligence, [Acceptable Use of Artificial Intelligence Technologies](#).

The policy defines AI “as a machine-based system that can, for a given set of human-defined objectives, make predictions, recommendations, or decisions influencing real or virtual environments.”

Considerations for the use of AI include:

- Human Oversight
- Fairness, Equity, and Explain Ability
- Transparency
- Risk Assessment Results
- Controls for Data Privacy
- Controls for Information Security

Agency leadership (operational, legal, ethics) must approve the adoption of AI systems. Agencies must document each AI system in an inventory and have an Information Owner for each system. Automated final decision systems are not permitted.

The policy includes examples in Appendix A of acceptable and unacceptable sample uses of AI.